

In the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of cleaning a substrate of chromatographic materials in order to remove adsorbed prion infectivity, ~~which~~ comprises comprising washing the substrate with a concentrated sodium chloride salt solution [[of]], wherein the salt solution comprises a concentration of at least 1.0M.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 1, wherein the substrate is an adsorbent used in the purification of proteins or other macro molecules.

4-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 1 wherein the salt solution has a concentration of at least 1.5M.

7. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 1, wherein the salt solution has a concentration of at least 1.75M.

8-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 1, wherein the method is employed to clean a substrate involved in the fractionation of human plasma.

12. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method according to Claim 1, wherein the concentrated salt wash is followed by washing with an alkali.

13. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method according to Claim 12, wherein the alkali has a concentration of 0.05M to 0.5M.

14. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method according to Claim 12, wherein the alkali brings the pH at the substrate to at least 12.

15. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method according to Claim 12, wherein the substrate is contacted with the alkali for 0.5 to 2 hours.

16. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method according to Claim 1, comprising washing the substrate in a further step with the a-further concentrated sodium chloride salt washsolution.

17. (Canceled).